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Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to state the policies and practices which all City departments should follow to obtain the previous written Board of Control consent required for a City contractor to add a subcontractor, or to substitute one subcontractor for another subcontractor, under a City contract.

Policy and Procedure

Each subcontractor proposed for a City contract, whether for a purchase, public improvement, or professional services, must be approved by the Board of Control (the "BOC") *prior* to the commencement of work and or services by the subcontractor. Subcontractor approval will be considered by the BOC upon recommendation of the department Director. A subcontractor identified as a certified Cleveland-Area Small Business ("CSB"), a Minority Business Enterprise ("MBE"), or a Female Business Enterprise ("FBE") (each generically also a "certified sub-contractor") proposed for a contract, whether as an additional or substitute subcontractor, must also be verified as such by the Office of Equal Opportunity ("OEO").

Note: The City assumes no obligation to pay, and will not pay, a contractor for any work and or services performed by a sub-contractor on the contract prior to Board of Control approval of that sub-contractor.

Except upon occurrence of an emergency requiring immediate use of a subcontractor to prevent an interruption of public service or endangerment of public health, safety or welfare as declared and determined solely by the Director, the prime contractor is responsible for submitting all required supporting documentation to the contracting department Director, through the designated Project Manager for the contract (the "Project Manager"), if any, no less than 3 (three) weeks in advance of the date the additional or substitute subcontractor is needed on the project, to allow time for internal and BOC approvals without delay or interruption of the project.

Note: The Director will not grant any City contractor additional time to meet project deadlines, and will not authorize or pay additional compensation or delay damages of any kind arising from the contractor's inability to add or substitute a subcontractor because the contractor failed to submit the approval request and supporting documentation at least 3 (three) weeks in advance of the date the additional or substitute sub-contractor is needed.

The contracting department Project Manager, if any, for a particular contract will serve, on behalf of the department Director, as the primary contact for the prime contractor. The contracting department Director is responsible for assessing the completeness and sufficiency of the supporting documentation received from the prime contractor and subcontractor, for timely processing of the documentation through the appropriate internal department review(s) and approval(s) and forwarding to the OEO, if required, for evaluation and approval prior to any placement on the Board of Control agenda and for submitting the appropriate Board of Control resolution for approval.

Substitution for a Certified Subcontractor. A contractor must provide the contracting department director, through the Project Manager, written justification for any proposed substitution for a certified sub-contractor.

When obtaining one or more substitutes for a certified subcontractor, a contractor shall make a good-faith effort to fulfill or exceed its original certified subcontractor utilization commitment or the contract goal(s) for the contract, whichever is greater. (Section 187.13 C.O.) The contractor shall document its good-faith effort by submitting complete, revised OEO Schedules 2 and 3 to the contracting department Director, through the Project Manager, with its request to the City for approval.

Note: The OEO shall evaluate each subcontractor addition and substitution for increased CSB, MBE, or FBE participation even if the original contract had no certified sub-contractor participation.

Federally Funded Projects. For projects funded directly or indirectly by the federal government where the contracting department is responsible for monitoring Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("DBE") participation, the department's monitoring unit shall perform the role otherwise performed by OEO. The supporting documentation for the evaluation and approval of an additional or substitute DBE subcontractor must be forwarded to OEO for information purposes. The department Director shall also submit any necessary supporting documentation with its request for Board of Control approval.

Monitoring and Enforcement. The Project Manager shall, under direction of the department Director, verify that the contractor's subcontractor utilization complies with the Board of Control's subcontractor approval(s) by reviewing the contractor's documentation and by worksite visits. The presence on the Project worksite of any subcontractor not previously approved by the Board of Control shall be immediately reported to the department Director for action.

The Project Manager shall maintain copies of all verification records in the contracting department.

Penalties for Non-Compliance. The Project Manager will document and report any findings of non-compliance with this Policy by a contractor to the contracting

department Director. The department Director will then submit a copy of the findings, and a recommendation for action or no action, to the Director of Law. If non-compliance with Chapter 187 C.O. is found regarding a certified sub-contractor, the department Director must also submit a copy of the findings to the Director of the OEO for determination of sanction(s) or penalty (ies) under that chapter and/or under the contract terms.

Exhibit "B"

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AN ORDINANCE

To supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, by enacting new Sections 187A.01 to 187A.06 and 187A.99, relating to the Local Producer, Local-Food Purchaser, and Sustainable Business Preference Code.

WHEREAS, large purchasers of goods and materials such as the City of Cleveland can strengthen the regional economy by procuring a greater percentage of their purchases from local businesses; and

WHEREAS, purchasing local products will reduce the City of Cleveland's carbon footprint by reducing the distance that goods travel from factories and farms to the city, thereby decreasing the amount of harmful emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland region has a vibrant manufacturing, industrial, and food production history and we are continuing to strengthen our local economy by supporting local producers; and

WHEREAS, purchasing local goods and materials will increase the City of Cleveland's self-reliance and resiliency, as well as acting as a model for local purchasing policies that support both local and regional business development and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, encouraging local businesses to follow sustainable practices will expedite their participation in high-growth sectors of the economy such as renewable energy, recycling, green building, zero waste and other sustainable businesses, which in turn will encourage more graduates to remain in the Greater Cleveland region and attract new talent to the region; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, are supplemented by enacting new Sections 187A.01 to 187A.06 and 187A.99, to read as follows:

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CHAPTER 187A LOCAL PRODUCER, LOCAL-FOOD PURCHASER, AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PREFERENCE CODE

Section 187A.01 Definitions of Terms

As used in this Chapter, the following words, phrases, and terms shall be defined as set forth below:

- (a) "Bidder" means a Person offering or proposing to contract with the City respectively in response to an invitation to bid or to a request for proposals.
- (b) "Bid Discount" means the application of a percentage discount to the total amount of a bid submitted by a Bidder for a Contract solely for the purpose of bid comparisons when determining the lowest and best bid, or lowest responsible bid. The use of a Bid Discount for Bid Comparison does not alter the total amount of the bid submitted by a Bidder or the Contract executed based on a bid.
- (c) "Business Enterprise" means a firm, sole proprietorship, partnership, association, corporation, company, or other business entity of any kind including, but not limited to, a limited liability corporation, incorporated professional association, joint venture, estate, or trust.
- (d) "City" means the City of Cleveland, Ohio.
- (e) "Commercially Useful Function" means when a Local Producer or Local-Food Purchaser:
 - (1) Assumes the actual and contractual responsibility for furnishing the supplies or materials;
 - (2) Is recognized as a provider of the contracted supplies and materials by the industry involved;
 - (3) Owns or leases a warehouse, yard, building or other facilities for stocking inventory or otherwise conducts business in a manner which is usual and customary in the industry and market for the supplies or materials; and
 - (4) Distributes, delivers, and services products primarily with its own staff and/or equipment.
- (f) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies or the Commissioner's designee.
- (g) "Contract" means a binding agreement executed on or after the effective date of this Local Producer, Local-Food Purchaser, and Sustainable Business Preference Code by which the City either grants a privilege or is committed to expend or does expend its funds or other resources, or confers a benefit having monetary value including, but not limited to, a grant, loan, interest in real or personal property, or tax

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Incentive in any form for or in connection with any work, project, or public purpose including, but not limited to, a contract for the:

- (1) Construction of any public improvement, including change orders or subsidiary agreements approved by the City during the performance of such construction;
- (2) Purchase of personal property;
- (3) Purchase of any supplies, equipment or services; or
- (4) Lease of any personal property.

"Contract" shall include a binding agreement, funded or benefited by the City, between a party to a Contract and a third party, but shall exclude contracts with other public entities, except as provided in Section 187.09.

(h) "Contracting Department" includes any administrative department under charge of the Mayor or any office, board, or commission treated or construed as a department of City government for any purpose under the Charter or ordinances of the City for the benefit or program of which the City enters into a particular Contract.

(i) "Contractor" means a separate or distinguishable Business Enterprise employing one or more persons and participating in the performance of a Contract and shall include a Person in privity of contract with a Contractor for implementation of a Contract.

(j) "Director" means the official authorized to enter into a Contract on behalf of a particular Contracting Department.

(k) "Evaluation Credit" means a predetermined number of points in the evaluation of proposals submitted by a bidder for a Contract to be added solely for the purpose of proposal comparison when evaluating competing proposals. The use of Evaluation Credits does not alter the amount of the proposal submitted by a bidder or the Contract executed based on the proposal.

(l) "Local Contracting Market" or "Contracting Market" means the geographic market area consisting of Cuyahoga County, Geauga County, Lake County, Lorain County, and Medina County, Ohio; provided, however, that with respect to growers or producers of food only, the geographic market area shall include: Erie County, Huron County, Richland County, Ashland County, Wayne County, Holmes County, Stark County, Summit County, Portage County, and Tuscarawas County.

(m) "Local Food" means and includes food that is grown, extracted, produced, recycled or manufactured within the Local Contracting Market.

(n) "Local Producer, Local-Food Purchaser, and Sustainable Business Preference Code", "Preference Code", "Code" or "Chapter" means all of the provisions of this Chapter 187A of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976.

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(o) "Local Producer" means a Person that:

(1) has its principal office (headquarters) located physically in the Local Contracting Market and whose highest executive officers and highest level managers maintain their offices and perform their respective executive and managerial functions and duties in the Local Contracting Market; and

(2) A. grows food or fabricates goods, whether or not finished, from organic or raw materials;

B. processes goods, materials, food or other products so as to increase their commercial value by not less than 50%;

C. supplies goods by performing a Commercially Useful Function; or

D. provides, by its qualified full-time employees, maintenance, repair, personal, or professional services.

(p) "Local-Food Purchaser" means a Business Enterprise that, in implementation of its City contract, purchases Local Food in an amount comprising not less than twenty percent (20%) of the Business Enterprise's City Contract amount.

(q) "Local Sustainable Business" means a Business Enterprise that:

(1) has its principal office (headquarters) located physically in the Local Contracting Market and whose highest executive officers and highest level managers maintain their offices and perform their respective executive and managerial functions and duties in the Local Contracting Market; and

(2) has established sustainability goals for itself and is a member of or signatory to a nationally-recognized sustainability program, which goals and program have been determined acceptable by the City Chief of Sustainability or other officer designated by the Mayor.

(r) "OEO Director" means the Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity of the City.

(s) "Person" means and includes a natural person, a Business Enterprise or other entity, unless the context or usage requires otherwise.

Section 187A.02 Preference for Local Producers, Local-Food Purchasers, and Sustainable Businesses

(a) Application of Bid Discount - A Contracting Department shall apply a Bid Discount of two percent (2%) to a bid received from a Local Producer; two percent (2%) to a bid received from a Local Sustainable Business; and two percent (2%) to a bid received from a Local-Food Purchaser; provided that the maximum total Bid Discount applied under this division (a) shall not exceed four percent (4%). Bid

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Discounts applied under this division (a) shall be in addition to any Bid Discount applied under Sections 187.03 and 187.05. The maximum amount of any Bid Discounts applied to a bid under this division (a) shall not exceed \$50,000.00, provided, however, that the maximum cumulative amount of all Bid Discounts applied to the bid under this division (a) and under Sections 187.03 and 187.05 shall not exceed \$75,000.00.

(b) Application of Evaluation Credit - A Contracting Department shall apply an Evaluation Credit of two percent (2%) of the total points awarded for a proposal received from a Local Producer, two percent (2%) of the total points awarded for a proposal received from a Local Sustainable Business, and two percent (2%) of the total points awarded for a proposal received from a Local-Food Purchaser; provided that the maximum total Evaluation Credit applied under this division (b) shall not exceed four percent (4%).

Section 187A.03 Duties of Director of Office of Equal Opportunity: Compliance Monitoring

(a) In addition to those duties specified in Section 123.08 and Section 187.02, the OEO Director, through the Office of Equal Opportunity employees as necessary, shall implement and enforce the provisions of this Code. The OEO Director's duties shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Reviewing all submittals and other information required or necessary under this Code to determine whether a particular Person qualifies for certification or approval as a Local Producer or a Local-Food Purchaser or a Local Sustainable Business and is in compliance with this Code;
- (2) Notifying an affected Contracting Department that the certificate or approval pertaining to a particular person is or is not currently effective with respect to the matters for which the same were issued;
- (3) Initiating and receiving complaints of non-compliance with this Code; and
- (4) Investigating complaints pertaining to non-compliance with this Code and recommending appropriate sanctions.

(b) The OEO Director shall monitor a Contractor's compliance with its bid representations of its qualification(s) as a Local Producer or Local-Food Purchaser or Local Sustainable Business during the performance of a Contract it was awarded because of applying a Bid Discount or Evaluation Credit under Section 187A.02. If the OEO Director determines that there is cause to believe that a Contractor failed to qualify as a Local Producer or Local-Food Purchaser or Local Sustainable Business as represented in its bid or proposal, the OEO Director shall notify the Contractor of the apparent breach of or default under the contract. The OEO Director may require a Contractor or Bidder to submit such reports, information and documentation as reasonably necessary to determine its status as a Local Producer or Local-Food Purchaser or Local Sustainable Business in the performance of its Contract.

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(c) The OEO Director shall maintain complete and accurate records of the use of Local Producer's or Local-Food Purchaser's or Local Sustainable Businesses' goods, materials, supplies, or services in performance of the Contracting Department's Contracts, including the dollar value of orders supplied by Local Producers or Local-Food Purchasers or Local Sustainable Businesses, the nature of the goods, materials, supplies, or services provided, and the name and address, and the qualifications of each Local Producer or Local-Food Purchaser or Local Sustainable Business as such.

Section 187A.04 Sanctions for Noncompliance

If the OEO Director determines that a Contractor is in breach or default with respect to any representation regarding its status as a Local Producer or Local-Food Purchaser or Local Sustainable Business when the Contractor would not have been the lowest bidder or recommended proposer for a Contract but for application of any Bid Discount(s) or Evaluation Credit(s) based upon that status, the OEO Director, in addition to other remedies available with respect to the foregoing or other defaults under any Contract in question, may recommend that the Contracting Department Director cancel the contract and declare a forfeiture of any performance bond.

Section 187A.05 Responsibilities of Commissioner and Contracting Departments

The Commissioner and each Contracting Department shall:

- (a) Endeavor to maximize the purchase of Local Producers, Local-Food Purchasers, and Local Sustainable Businesses goods, materials, supplies, or services in Contracts of \$10,000 or less; and
- (b) Develop lists of Local Producers, Local-Food Purchasers, and Local Sustainable Businesses for whose goods, materials, supplies, or services the City typically contracts.

Section 187A.06 Contracts with Other Governmental Entities as Contractors

Contracts or other agreements between the City and other political subdivisions, governmental, or quasi-governmental agencies, under which those entities receive money from or through the City for the purpose of contracting with Business Enterprises to perform projects in the City, shall encourage Business Enterprises to comply with the provisions of this Chapter in awarding, administering, and implementing the contracts.

Section 187A.99 Violations: Penalty

- (a) No Person shall willfully falsify, conceal or cover up by a trick, scheme, or device a material fact, or make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations or make use of any false writing or document knowing the same to

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contain any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry in any matter administered under this Chapter.

(b) No Person shall fraudulently obtain, attempt to obtain, or aid another Person fraudulently obtaining or attempting to obtain a Local Producer's or Local-Food Purchaser's or Local Sustainable Business' Bid Discount or Evaluation Credit.

(c) Any Person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(d) In addition to other remedies available with respect to violations of divisions (a) and (b) of this section, the OEO Director may recommend to a Contracting Department Director, and a Contracting Department Director may:

(1) Recommend to the Director of Law that the City take such legal action, whether civil or criminal, as the Director of Law deems appropriate;

(2) Disqualify a Bidder, Contractor, or other Business Enterprise from eligibility as Contractor, subcontractor, or Local Producer or Local-Food Purchaser or Local Sustainable Business for providing goods, materials, supplies, or services to the City for a period not to exceed two (2) years; or

(3) Make a claim for payment of damages, including but not limited to any liquidated damages specified in the Contract.

Section 2. That Sections 187A.01 to 187A.06 and 187A.99 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, shall take effect and be in force sixty (60) days after passage of this ordinance.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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FOR: Mayor Jackson

Exhibit "C"

NON-AIP CONTRACTS (CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES)

a. GENERAL CIVIL RIGHTS PROVISIONS

The contractor agrees to comply with pertinent statutes, Executive Orders and such rules as are promulgated to ensure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from participating in any activity conducted with or benefiting from Federal assistance.

This provision binds the contractor and subtier contractors from the bid solicitation period through the completion of the contract. This provision is in addition to that required of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

b. SOLICITATION NOTICE

The City of Cleveland, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. Sections 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award

c. COMPLIANCE WITH NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Non-discrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR part 21.

3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the sponsor will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Aviation Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
 - b. Cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the sponsor to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the sponsor. In addition, the contractor may request the

United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

d. TITLE VI LIST OF PERTINENT NONDISCRIMINATION ACTS AND AUTHORITIES

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 CFR part 21 (Non-discrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs of The Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of The Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;

- The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

e. FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE)

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part time workers.

The contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division.

f. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the requirements of 29 CFR Part 1910 with the same force and effect as if given in full text. Contractor must provide a work environment that is free from recognized hazards that may cause death or serious physical harm to the employee. The Contractor retains full responsibility to monitor its compliance and their subcontractor's compliance with the applicable requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (20 CFR Part 1910). Contractor must address any claims or disputes that pertain to a referenced requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration.